



TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 4, 1900.

AFTER A Presidential election is over, the fools and the upstarts think it is their time to be heard from. Hence we had the other day from the Cleveland gang of deserters, the Don Dickson and the Carleles, a cry for reorganization of the democratic party; as if they had any right to participate in its affairs. Why don't they attempt to reorganize the republican party with which in two national elections they have cooperated? President McKinley has recognized their services, thanked them publicly, given them offices, and possibly he and his friends might be willing to take them into counsel concerning some reorganization of the republican party. The democracy has no use for them whatever. It is not merely a question of political avoidance, but of personal scorn for ingrates, traitors and political assassins.

The Chicago Chronicle has improved the occasion of a republican triumph to endeavor to inaugurate a fresh crusade against the South. This paper pretends to be democratic. In 1896 it opposed the democratic platform and did what it could to help the republicans. It was a Cleveland organ as distinguished from a democratic newspaper. This year it came out for Mr. Bryan, but it is now obvious that it did not do so in good faith. Its support, even if genuine, was of no possible value to the party. Early in the summer Mr. Hearst established a paper of marked ability in Chicago, democratic in its politics, which immediately acquired the largest circulation in that city. There is no longer any room or any use for the Chronicle. The Chicago American naturally absorbs democratic circulation, support and patronage. So it will be seen that the Chronicle is simply following the line of its old treason and its present infamy in its recent course.

Its malice for the South is probably explained by the fact that this section both in 1896 and in 1900, as in former years, stood by the democratic party. Naturally this was offensive to the renegades who have helped to inflict republican rule upon us. Nor is the malice or lessence of the Chronicle of any special importance. After being subjected for thirty years following the war between the states to every form of abuse, slander, falsehood and political persecution by the great republican party, with its many able and unscrupulous leaders, and in spite of it all, gradually improving its condition, restoring its old industries, developing new ones, restraining the black population from crime, maintaining order and living down slander, this frantic outpouring of rage by a renegade newspaper at Chicago is really not of much consequence. The Southern people will not take it to heart. They have passed through the fire furnace and this new canine note will not enlist their attention. The only value it possesses is that of showing how readily the Cleveland-Carlisle-Dickinson element embraces the vile practices and outeries of the republicans when they discover that the South is no longer to be used by them for their own purposes.

THE EMPEROR of Germany, whose pro-Boer sympathies were apparent at the beginning of the war in South Africa, now even refuses to see the President of the Transvaal Republic. As he is an autocrat, and as his people favor the Boers, the change that has come over the spirit of his dreams is a little remarkable to the unsophisticated; but that the American Congress refused to allow a resolution of sympathy for the Boers—the people of another republic—to be read, is not at all surprising, as the majority of the voters of the North have recently taken the same stand. President Kruger now realizes, as Washington knew, that selfishness governs nations as it does individual men.

THE Christian missionaries in China are crying out for more of the blood of the heathen Chinese, and the allied Christian army there has looted and destroyed the astronomical observatory at Peking. The religion the missionaries profess to believe teaches mercy and loving kindness, and the whole civilized world upbraids the Turks for the destruction of the Alexandria library; and in this country colleges have been burned by Christian armies. And still some people wonder that real Christianity is not increasing in Christian countries and is making slight headway in heathen lands.

THOUGH American trade in the Philippine Islands, except in whisky, is not increasing, and though American soldiers on those islands are being shot and are dying of climatic diseases, and ship loads of them who have gone crazy are being brought home, the Philippine bill has been displaced in Congress by the bill to impose more taxes on the people of this country, to increase the profits of Northern shipowners. But Mr. Hanna says the latter bill must have

preference, and the people have just declared that what he says is "go."

THE NEW apportionment bill introduced in Congress yesterday increases the representation from the North but decreases that from the South, even Virginia losing one Congressman. But what is that to the Southern men who at the recent election left their own people and their own section to vote with the plutocratic South-haters of the North.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE HARLAN of the U. S. Supreme Court dissented from the opinion of all the other members of that court, that the law providing for "Jim Crow" cars in the South is constitutional. But that he did so, is not in the least surprising. He is a Southern man, and of all South-haters, native Southern republicans are the worst.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, December 4.

The Cabinet discussed the bill for the Philippines today. The bill has just been submitted to the President for his approval. They were offered by Secretary Root. The Philippines will be allowed to elect their own mayors and boards of aldermen for their government. So far as the different cities or towns prove themselves law abiding and peaceful they will be granted the right of self-government. The Cabinet approved the code as a whole.

The fight against oleomargarine will break out in the House tomorrow and the fighters are gathering for the fray. In the Senate Senator Mason of Illinois, an opponent of the bill, will endeavor to have it referred to his committee, the committee on manufactures.

The army reorganization bill with some final touches put on by the military affairs committee was reported to the House today. One of the latest provisions gives the rank of Brigadier-General to Generals Lyle, Wheeler and Wilson and that of Major-General to General Shafter and makes way for their retirement. The anti-canteen provision is modified so that "No officer or private soldier shall sell intoxicating drinks of any kind, as a bartender or otherwise, in any army post, or on any army transport, or in any encampment, or fort, or on any premises used for military purposes by the United States. This does not abolish the army canteen, as urged by the amendment offered by Representative Hay of Virginia.

Governor-elect Dockery of Missouri called at the White House today to pay his respects to the President. He is out on parole against the ship subsidy bill. "A high protective tariff will never go down in the hands of a great merchant," he said. "In order to make shipping pay the ship owners must carry goods both ways. With the high tariff wall around the country our ship owners can only take cargoes across the water. They will have none to bring back.

The first appropriation bill of the session, known as the legislative, executive and judicial bill, was reported by the appropriation committee today. It provides for the appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, for the department in question. The total amount is \$25,389,500. The bill carries \$24,498,708. The appropriation is \$839,495 in excess of the appropriation for the current fiscal year. The number of salaries provided is 90 more than those of the current year.

The most important action at the second day's session of the W. C. T. U. convention was the adoption of a resolution authorizing the presiding officer to send a petition to the President of the United States and to the Senate and to the House of Representatives asking for legislation to extend our island possessions the same laws that prohibit the selling of intoxicants to Indians. The President was also asked to reneat the nullified anti-intellect law.

In the Senate today Mr. Clayton introduced a bill to admit free of duty articles controlled by a trust.

A large batch of recess appointments were announced to the Senate today, by the President. The only new appointment is that of Silas Alexander, New Mexico, to be associate justice of the Supreme Court of that territory.

The caucus of the democrats of the House on the army bill came to no determination and the understanding today is that they will offer no amendment, but will substitute for the bill, but simply go on record as opposed to it, and throw its responsibility on the republicans.

Ex-Congressman Walker of Virginia is already at work among the republican members of the House on his proposed contest for Mr. Rhea's seat, and is making a great ado about a ballot that was used at one of the precincts in Scott county in his district.

A prominent Virginia democrat here today says he understands that if Judge Whittier of the Danville circuit shall be elected to the position of Chief Justice of Appeals Mr. Speaker Saunders will be a candidate for the vacancy.

In respect of the matter of interfering with negro suffrage in the South, a large majority of the republican members of both branches of Congress are in favor of having nothing to do with it, and of letting the Southern States settle it as they think best, and it may be safely stated that no attempt will be made, certainly at this session, at any such interference as that referred to.

Representative Rhea, of Virginia, says he believes it had not been for the constitutional convention in this state his majority would have been twice as large as it was, and that the democratic majority in the State would have been a hundred thousand.

Messrs. Hum, Clements and Curtis, of Alexandria county, accompanied by Col. Allen and his assistant engineer, and Mr. Burr, the architect of the proposed Arlington bridge, appeared before the House interstate commerce committee this morning and urged the passage of the bill for that bridge. The committee seemed favorable and will fix a day for further consideration.

In his annual report made public this morning, Inspector General Breckinridge says: "Since the rendition of the annual report the military establishment has undergone important changes. Perhaps no two battles in one year ever had so much effect upon the history and destiny of our country as those of Manila and Santiago in May and July, 1898."

The following changes in the fourth-class postoffices of Virginia were made today: Knoxville, Buckingham county, J. L. Coleman, resigned; postmaster, J. H. Hines, resigned; Hubbard, Buckingham county, P. E. Crews, vice J. P. Hackett, died; Narco, Floyd county, Julius Dickinson, vice M. F. Scott, resigned; Eley, Nelson county, A. W. Fitzgerald, vice D. A. Carr, resigned; Sisto, Floyd county, J. K. Lovell, vice J. J.

Burnett, resigned; Upper Lion, Caroline county, J. B. Wright, vice G. H. Pitts, resigned.

The Senate committee on inter-oceanic canals had this morning the canal commission has reported unanimously in favor of the Nicaragua scheme and the sentiment of the committee seems to be that way.

An anti-Spanish war drama at the Capitol today said General Wood's proposition to stock Porto Rico with cattle at the government's expense is only a sample of what will be done in all the conquered countries and that the poor people of this country will have to pay the piper in all of them.

Stocks were quoted here today as a little weak and cotton as steady.

The river and harbor bill is being rapidly prepared and will, it is said, be reported at an early day.

Congress will give Congressman Bottelle of Maine, who has lost his mind, \$2,625 a year for life.

Golf croquet is usurping the place of golf here.

Representative Rixey, who has been a member of the committee on claims in two Congresses, says that the present method of disposing of claims against the government is very objectionable, being favorable to large claimants and to lobbyists, while working great injustice to small claimants and the government, which latter is never represented.

Are the committee on the court are a bill today requiring all such claims to be first presented in the Court of Claims, where the government's interests are to be protected by the Attorney General and his assistants.

Only the facts found by the court are to be considered. He also introduced a second bill to increase the number of the judges of that court from five to nine, with power to sit in subdivisions of three judges each to enable it to dispose of all such business.

Mr. Rixey also, by request, introduced a bill to authorize the issuance of a patent to James Selden Cowden, of Fairfax county, Va., for an airship upon the payment by said Cowden of the usual patent fees.

The House committee on ways and means has today reported a bill, the subject of the war tax reduction was not broached. This only action taken was relative to the distribution of copies of the President's message to the various House committees interested.

Consensus Haddock, of Wisconsin, the new member of the committee, took his seat with the committee today. He was uncommunicative on the question of abolishing the war tax on beer, but is generally credited with favoring its retention.

Ex-President Harrison arrived in this city from the West this afternoon. He comes to attend the meeting of the committee appointed by the Presbyterian General Assembly to consider a resolution of the Western Synod, and was accompanied by Mr. Harrison and their little daughter. The party was met at the station by Hon. John W. Foster, former Secretary of State, whom guests they will be during their sojourn in Washington.

NEWS OF THE DAY

The German flag has been raised over the tombs of the Ming dynasty, near Peking.

Standard Oil stock is selling in New York at \$10, an increase of 30 points since Saturday.

The Gould trustees may pay the Countess Castellani about \$20,000 a month until a decision is reached in a suit by creditors in New York.

A dispatch from Peking says that all the foreign envoys have heard from their governments, and will meet today, but it is doubtful that they will come to an agreement.

Eighty thousand invitations have been issued for the great papal ceremony of St. Peter's, Rome, of the feast of the Holy Spirit. The function occurs at midnight, December 31.

Lieutenant Commander Reynold T. Hall, assistant engineer of the Brooklyn navy yard, was fatally injured yesterday by a heavy piece of timber falling upon him. He has relatives in this city.

The announcement is made that the wedding of Alfred G. Vanderbilt and Miss Elsie French on Monday, January 14, will take place in Zabiskie Memorial Church of St. John the Evangelist, an Episcopal high church in Newport, R. I.

Gen. W. L. White of Grand Rapids, Mich., ex-quartermaster general of the Michigan National Guard, yesterday pleaded guilty to the charge of complicity in the State military clothing frauds, and was sentenced by Judge West to ten years in prison.

Four men and one boy were instantly killed and thirteen persons were injured by the explosion of a boiler in Chicago yesterday, in the power house of the Chicago and Northwestern Road yesterday evening. Several of the injured are hurt so badly that they may die.

A dispatch from China to a German newspaper tells of the murder of a Catholic bishop and his companions and four European priests, together with a Catholic sister and others, in a house at Shan Si, where the governor, who had pretended to give them protection, killed a number of them himself.

Oscar L. Booz died yesterday at the home of his parents in Bristol, Pa., from the effects of what his parents firmly believe to have been a quantity of tobacco sauce poured into his throat during a hazing process by his fellow-cadets at West Point. Col. Mills, superintendent of the Military Academy, says "The statement made in the press of the country alleging that Oscar L. Booz was atrociously hanged while he was a cadet at the Military Academy, to such an extent that he died from its effects, are untrue and ridiculous.

AGAINST DIVORCE.—In a sermon at Newport News on Sunday, Evangelist W. M. Lettich denounced in unmeasured terms the evils of the present divorce system, saying that it debauched and corrupted the home, which was the foundation of both church and state.

"Marriage is not a civil contract," said he, "and your authorities have no right to make it that. I admit that the Lord said that there was one thing for which a man might put aside his wife, or for which a wife might leave her husband, but you have 32 reasons for divorce. You give further—your magistrates leave divorce permitting divorced people to marry again, thus legalizing adultery."

The sermon created a profound sensation in Newport News.

The Century Magazine for December has been received by its publishers in New York. Its contents are: The Mourning Nymphs, Milton's Ode "On the Morning of Christ's Nativity," The Last of the Mohicans, The Automobile Band Down, Broken Wings, By the Waters of Galilee, Down the Rhine, The Dream of the Inkeeper's Wife, East London Types, "Queen Catherine of Aragon and Her Maid," The Address of George To Robert Louis Stevenson, The Helmet of Ness, What More than Wages? The Pursuit of Happiness, Significant Knowledge of the Bible, The Hatched Oak, Paths of Hope for the Negro, Ghosts Walk, Famous, Her Majesty's Land, With the Peking Wall, The Struggle on the Peking Wall, Topics of the Time and in Lighter Veil.

Gen. James Keller's wife died a month ago at Geneva, N. Y., and when he brought his new bride home last night a mob of 500 people surrounded his house. They threw bricks and stones through the windows and smashed the front door. The police were unable to quell the disturbance.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Governor Tyler left Richmond yesterday for Chicago, where he will attend the big cattle show.

The Richmond Locomotive Works have received an order for 12 locomotives from Finland and 12 from Canada.

Mr. D. S. Cates, a well known citizen, and at one time sheriff of Richmond, died quite suddenly last night in that city.

A handsome portrait of the late Rev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge was last night presented to Lee Camp in Richmond by the Sons of Veterans of that organization.

The common council of Richmond last night adopted the curfew ordinance, imposing a fine on all boys under sixteen found out after 8 o'clock in winter or 9 o'clock in summer.

Fire broke out in the Southern Railway shops, in Manassas, last night, but the prompt response of the department prevented serious damage, which will not amount to over \$150.

A member of the family of Congressman Vines gave out the information that he has not the slightest idea of making any contest for the seat of H. S. Maynard in the next Congress, as his health will not permit it.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia, A. F. and A. M., will convene in annual session at the Masonic Temple in Richmond at 6 o'clock tonight. A number of prominent Masons of the State are in the city to attend this 123rd annual communication.

"Snowden," the farm belonging to the estate of the late John Seddon, situated about 8 miles from Fredericksburg, in Stafford, and containing 500 acres, was sold at public auction on Saturday to Mr. Robert Bullard, of King George, for \$3,100.

Ralph Lomax Hunter died yesterday in the fifty-fourth year of his age at his late residence, Pamona, in Westmoreland county, after a long illness. He was a son of the late Taliaferro Hunter, Sr., who was fourth auditor of the Treasury under President Buchanan.

Miss Mattie L. Jeffry, a daughter of Rev. Dr. J. L. Jeffry, the editor of the Christian Advocate, and one of the best-known Methodist ministers in Virginia, died Sunday night at her father's home, at Crozet. Miss Jeffry's health had been failing for some time past.

DEATH OF COL. JOHN R. POPHAM.

Col. John R. Popham, for many years clerk of the United States District Court, died in Richmond yesterday on the street very suddenly. The deceased started out about 10 o'clock yesterday morning from his nephew's cafe on Broad street. On reaching Main street, near Fourth street, Colonel Popham became speechless from an attack of lung and heart disease. He dropped to the pavement and motioned for a colored man to summon a near-by doctor. Five minutes later the Colonel had breathed his last. He was widely known in this State, West Virginia and in Washington.

Col. Popham was a native of Rappahannock county and was for a long time prominent in political life in Virginia. He lived at Virginia Old Hot Springs, and from Highland in Bath county, went to the legislature in 1868 and 1867. He was a republican and in 1879 was clerk to the collector of Internal Revenue in the Richmond district. He was 61 years old and has three children living. Fred Popham, a son, is president of a manganese mining company in South America. John N. Popham lives in Baltimore. An unmarried daughter lives in Calverton county. He married a Miss Brown, of Tennessee, who died several years ago. Colonel Popham about 20 years ago conducted in Richmond for a short time a weekly paper. He was its editor and his writings attracted some attention. For many years past he had spent most of his time in Washington, where he represented newspapers in different sections of the country.

CONGRESSIONAL.

No general business was transacted at the opening session of Congress yesterday.

The republican senatorial committee on order of business decided to displace the Spooner Philippine bill with the ship subsidy bill as unfinished business. It also considered at the same time the disposition of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and decided that the question should receive alternate attention with the shipping bill. The arrangement further provides that if the treaty reaches the Senate prior to the disposal of the shipping bill or the treaty, either or both of them may be considered temporarily in order to permit the prompt consideration of that measure.

The democrats in caucus failed to adopt a course toward army legislation.

A notable meeting on the Senate floor just before the session opened was that between Mr. Hanna, of Ohio, and Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, the chairman, respectively, of the republican and democratic national campaign committees. Surrounded by many of their colleagues they exchanged cordial greetings and laughed and chatted for several minutes.

The annual report of Secretary of War Root treats of military and naval operations in the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico. The War Department asks Congress for an appropriation of \$171,778,885 for 1902, as against \$185,903,551 for 1901.

COURT OF APPEALS.

The following were the proceedings yesterday at Richmond in the Court of Appeals: Coalter, receiver, vs. Bargainio, argued and submitted. Longley vs. Commonwealth argued and continued until today; Stewart vs. Reed, Allen vs. Andrews, Richmond Railway and Electric Company vs. City of Richmond, dismissed. The next case to be called is Snuckell, vs. Barryville Land and Improvement Company, No. 20 on argument docket. After opinions are delivered on Thursday next resolutions of respect to the late Judge John W. Riely will be offered to the court.

Longley, whose case was argued yesterday, was convicted of murder in the second degree in the County Court of Washington and sentenced to 13 years in the penitentiary. He is now in the jail at Abingdon, and upon the writ of error granted by the Supreme Court is seeking to secure a new trial.

Help is needed at once when a person's life is in danger. A neglected cold or cold may soon become serious and should be stopped at once. One Minute Cough Cure quickly cures coughs and colds and the worst cases of croup, bronchitis, grippe and other throat and lung troubles.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Paris, Dec. 4.—It is reported that the Czars will spend his convalescence in the south of France.

Manchester, Dec. 4.—An epidemic of influenza has added to the panic caused by the wholesale poisoning from beer and the amount of sickness in the town is alarming. Twenty deaths from influenza have already occurred.

Vienna, Dec. 4.—The agreement for leasing valuable petroleum sources in Roumania to the Standard Oil Company have been signed at Bukarest. The price of the concession which gives the Standard Oil a monopoly in sinking oil wells in Roumania is said to have cost \$3,000,000.

Dublin, Dec. 4.—The Irish Times says that a huge newspaper trust is forming in London which will control several large weeklies as well as morning and evening dailies in the metropolis. The trust is alleged to have a capital of \$25,000,000, and expects to begin operations at the commencement of the new year.

London, Dec. 4.—Both Houses of Parliament are occupied today in swearing in the new members. No interest attaches to the session.

London, Dec. 4.—The Lord Chancellor announces that he is in receipt of certificates of bankruptcy from the Duke of Manchester and Lord Sudeley.

Rome, Dec. 4.—High waters of the Tiber have subsided. Many victims of the floods are receiving alms from the Pope.

Lviv, Dec. 4.—The bulletin issued by the Czar's physicians today says that he is able to sit up in an invalid's chair at intervals. His condition is constantly improving.

Brussels, Dec. 4.—The Prince Konocheff, secretary of the Russian embassy here, says it is probable that the Czar and President Kruger will meet in the South of France while the Czar is there recuperating from his illness.

From China.

Peking, Dec. 4.—The Kalgan expedition (Gowang) which has just returned here burned three Chinese villages on November 30, and executed 23 alleged boxers. The expedition returned under the command of Baron von Gyl, who succeeded General von York, who died of asphyxiation on the return from Kalgan. His body has been brought to Peking.

London, Dec. 4.—It is said that the Kalgan expedition was ineffective and that repeated attempts to engage the Chinese only resulted in the capture of the baggage of the flying enemy and the killing of thirty Chinese guards who were left with the baggage. It is also asserted that the excessive withdrawal of foreign troops has created a bad impression among the Chinese and that fresh outbreaks may be expected.

A British officer captured by the Chinese, was tortured for four days, fresh devices for prolonging his agony being employed after each application of re-tortures.

Tientsin, Dec. 4.—It is reported that the four companies of Germans, mentioned in the dispatches of yesterday as having been sent to Peking, were yesterday sent to Peking by the Chinese west of Peking have lost twenty killed and many wounded in an engagement with 2,500 boxers. The Germans are in danger of annihilation. The French expedition which went to their relief has not yet been heard of.

Murdered and Robbed.

Wakfield, Mass., Dec. 4.—John W. Crowell, aged 67, met death last night, the police believe, at the hands of robbers, although there is a possibility that he may have taken his own life. Shortly before 10 o'clock several pistol shots were heard coming from the stable of the Crowell premises. Mrs. Crowell rushed to the stable and heard her husband cry: "He's gone and got my pocket book." Crowell was found on the stable floor and taken into the house. He lived about 15 minutes.

He was in Boston yesterday and one of his legs was missing. Near where he lay in the barn was a revolver, every chamber of which was empty. The weapon was the property of the dead man. One bullet had entered near the heart; another shot penetrated his body; another bullet dropped from the clothing and a fourth was embedded in the stable walls. The fifth has not been discovered. The revolver lay about ten feet from where the wounded man lay. A partly empty flask of whisky was in the barn while Mr. Crowell is known to have been a total abstainer. The police have a theory that the robbers followed Mr. Crowell home knowing he had money, that he drew the revolver when they assaulted him; that before he had time to fire the weapon was wrested from him and he was killed, the murderers taking his wallet and decamping. A watch and small purse were left on his person. The dead man is one of the heirs to the Crowell millions.

Women's Insults Tarrad.

SUMMITVILLE, Ind., Dec. 4.—During the past week a number of women have been met on the street after midnight by some men and subjected to indignities, but no clear to the perpetrator could be found. Saturday night the men became bolder and knocked at the back doors of several residences, and when the doors were opened he would make improper proposals. He even went so far as to attempt an assault on a Miss Lenora Wright.

The marshal arrested Frank Osborn, who makes his home at Alexandria, and placed him in jail. Soon after midnight a dozen masked men compelled the marshal to give up his keys and then locked him in one of the cells. They took the prisoner from jail, applied a coat of tar and feathers and turned him loose. Osborn returned from Alexandria yesterday to learn the names of those engaged in the affair, and asserts that he is innocent of the charge. He was identified in the Police Court, however, by several women as the man who had insulted them.

Plan to Shelve Boule.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—A bill has been prepared and will be introduced in the House by Representative Burleigh, of Maine, authorizing the President to place Representative Charles A. Boule on the retired list of the navy, with the rank of captain, in recognition of his services in the navy during the Civil War. Mr. Boule has been in ill-health for a year, unable to attend to his Congressional duties, and is now at a sanatorium near Boston. He has been a member of the House from Maine for 18 years, and was re-elected to the next Congress at the last election. His condition is such as to render it quite certain that he will be unable again to take his seat in the House.

The most effective little liver pills made are Dr. Williams' Little Early Liver Pills, never of constipation.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

Capetown, Dec. 4.—The Italians who are alleged to have plotted to assassinate Lord Roberts will be deported as the evidence against them is not sufficient to warrant a trial. Reports that bombs had been found in connection with the plot are without foundation.

Standerford, Transvaal, Dec. 4.—Hans Botha, a brother of the Boer commander in chief, has been raiding near here for two days. The British finally sent out a punitive expedition and recovered the cattle he had captured, ten wagons and considerable loot.

Deaf Mutes Marry.

Lacrosse, Wis., Dec. 4.—Michael Wolf and Miss Bessie Anderson, a pretty girl, both deaf-mutes, were married here yesterday. The couple met only four days ago, and the intervening time was spent in courtship and in devising a common language, for the groom being German cannot understand English written on the fingers or by reading of the lips, by which his more accomplished bride receives communication from her friends.

Fatal Accident on the B. & O.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 4.—A runaway Baltimore & Ohio freight on the Sand Patch grade yesterday jammed head on into a westbound freight, and six engines, including helpers and a new Union Pacific engine and many cars were piled up. It is reported that five or six people were killed but it is impossible to obtain details.

The resolution was adopted.

At 2 o'clock Senator Frye called up the ship-subsidy bill. Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, demanded the yeas and nays on the question of reconsideration. Mr. Carter called up the resolution to refer the credentials of W. A. H. and Martin Maginnis, appointed to Montana to the committee on privileges and elections.

Mr. Bacon expressed the hope that Montana would at once receive full representation.

Mr. Hoar said the committee on privileges and elections should be given time to report.

It was decided that both Mr. Carter and Mr. Maginnis should be summoned to appear before the committee.

The ship subsidy bill was then taken up and Senator Frye took the floor in its support.

HOUSE.

A comparatively small attendance at the floor of the House and almost empty galleries characterized the opening of the second day of the session at noon today.

As soon as the journal of the preceding day was read Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, called up the case of James P. Connor, of Iowa, whose credentials were objected to yesterday.

Mr. Hepburn withdrew the objectionable credentials and filed a new one in place of them. After some discussion in which Mr. Bailey, of Texas, explained that he only wanted the record to properly show the status of the matter, Mr. Connor was sworn in.

The resignation of Marion Devine, of California, was read.

Mr. Hull, Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, requested that the army bill be taken up tomorrow after the reading of the journal.

Mr. Sulzer made objection. Mr. Cannon reported a bill from the appropriations committee, providing a program for the celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the location of the National Capital in the District of Columbia on the 12th of December. The program included a public meeting to be held in the House of Representatives, and to be attended by the officials of all departments of the government. The measure was agreed to.

A bill providing for the pay of retired officers of the army and navy, who are employed as instructors in normal and public schools was passed without debate. Mr. Bingham reported the legislative appropriation bill from the appropriations committee and gave notice that he should call up the measure for consideration tomorrow.

An unsuccessful attempt was made by Representative Leont (California) to get consideration of his bill for the regulation of postage on periodicals.

At 1:30 the House adjourned until noon tomorrow.

A STAMP DECISION.—A ruling has been made by Judge Grattan, of Rockingham county, touching the admissibility in the evidence of a bank check on which the party drawing same failed to affix a revenue stamp. In the case of E. L. Harrison, charged with having a check for \$100, it was shown that the revenue stamp was affixed and canceled by the Harrison bank when the check was paid over its counter. Defendant's counsel made the plea that under the war revenue act the check